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The following references are not in the English language:

- 1) JP 11-146345
- 2) EP 917145
- 3) JP 9-69261
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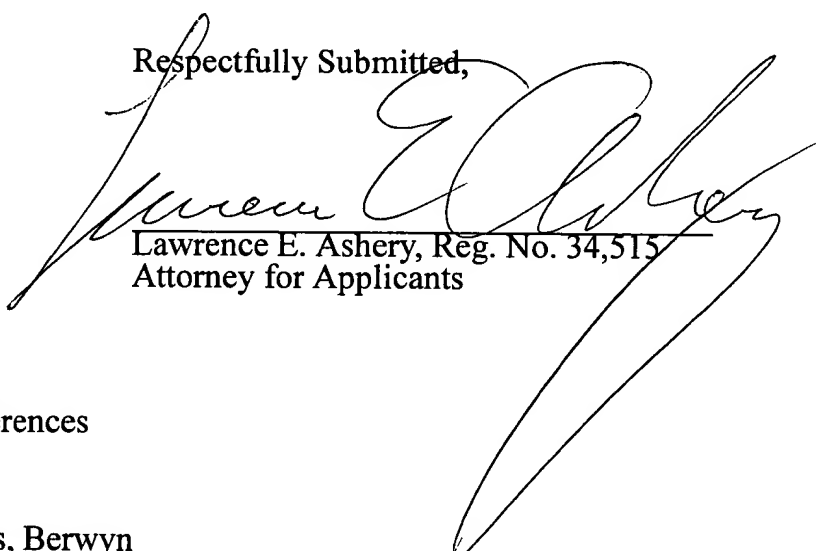
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identified patent application. A copy of this Japanese-language search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office, is transmitted herewith. Also enclosed is an English translation of Form PCT/ISA/210 and an English language abstract.

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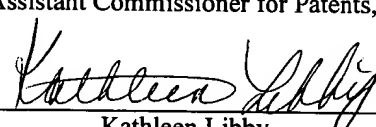
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

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	1	Japanese search report for PCT/JP00/04476 dated October 10, 2000.
	2	English translation of Form PCT/ISA/210.
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